



## Corrections Standards Authority

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# Quarterly Activities Report

July – September 2005

### Facilities Standards and Operations (FSO) Division

Staff Safety Evaluations: Under CSA's leadership, staff from FSO and the Divisions of Adult Institutions and Juvenile Justice **conducted staff safety evaluations** at Mule Creek State Prison, Deuel Vocational Institution, Preston Youth Correctional Facility and the three Northern California Youth Correctional Center facilities. The reports from these evaluations will be posted on the CSA's web site.

Facility Inspection Process: FSO staff **inspected 49 local adult facilities and 12 local juvenile facilities** for compliance with minimum standards outlined in Titles 15 and 24. Nineteen of the 49 jails were also monitored for compliance with state and federal requirements governing adult facilities that detain juveniles.

Regulation Review Process: Revised **Adult Title 15 regulations** (minimum standards for operating local jails) became effective on July 2, 2005 and are available, along with the Guidelines, on the CSA's web site. The Executive Steering Committee for the 2006 Juvenile Regulation Revision Process, chaired by **Ventura County Chief Probation Officer Cal Remington**, finalized its recommendations in September for Title 15 and 24 changes. The recommendations will be presented to the CSA at its November 2005 meeting.

Construction: The CSA paid approximately \$22.5 million in construction grant reimbursement to 10 California counties and staff attended the grand openings at **new facilities in Contra Costa County** (a 240-bed expansion of the juvenile hall), **Yolo County** (a new 90-bed juvenile hall), and **Napa County** (a new 60-bed juvenile hall).

Other Activities: FSO staff provided **training on local facility inspections** at four regional conferences sponsored by the California State Grand Jury Association and to juvenile justice commissioners in conjunction with the California Probation, Parole and Corrections Association. Staff also participated in regional jail and juvenile facility manager meetings as well as the National Institute of Corrections Chief Jail Inspectors' meeting.

### Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division

Federal Title II Juvenile Justice Grants Program: CPP staff **finalized Grant Agreements** for the 34 funded projects and processed invoices totaling over **\$1.2 million** for the previous quarter. Staff also initiated development of the State's new three-year juvenile justice plan and, as required by federal law, will be working with the **State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice** on this plan.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC): As a result of a competitive Request for Proposals for an Expert Consultant, the CSA **awarded \$200,000 in federal funds** to the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, which is working with CPP staff on the DMC Technical Assistance Project. When this project began, **Alameda, Contra Costa and Ventura counties** met the criteria for receiving expert technical assistance related to DMC education, stakeholder collaboration, organizational analysis, data collection, action plan development, implementation, and evaluation.

Federal Title V Community Prevention Grants Program: CPP staff **finalized Grant Agreements** with the seven counties and cities awarded available funds (approximately \$1.9 million) in May as a result of a competitive Request for Proposals process. Staff also developed an **on-line invoicing process** to expedite reimbursements to the grantees and began conducting on-site monitoring visits.

Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program: CPP staff **finalized Grant Agreements** with 38 counties and cities and initiated development of a **Request for Applications to allocate over \$1.6 million** in set-aside funds to rural counties that are below the threshold for an "automatic" grant as well as a **Request for Proposals to award over \$5 million** in unallocated funds to state agencies for collaborative projects.

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act: CPP staff began working with the **probation departments in the 56 counties** receiving these state funds to ensure that data on the six statutorily mandated outcomes are submitted by the October 15 deadline. The data will be incorporated into the annual report to the Legislature on this program, which currently supports **167 community-based programs** proven to be effective in reducing juvenile crime and delinquency.

Juvenile Probation Funding (AB 139): CPP and FSO staff **met with a representative contingent of Chief Probation Officers and Probation Business Managers** on September 8 to discuss the administration and allocation of \$201 million in state funds. As a result of this session, staff developed a draft Agreement, Program Administration Guide and on-line invoice for the program, and will be following up with a work group on development of a semi-annual report to capture program performance data.

Proud Parenting and Youth Centers/Shelters Programs: Staff **finalized Grant Agreements** for the 14 community-based organizations that receive state funds under the Proud Parenting Program and **negotiated contract extensions for three youth centers** funded by Proposition 12. Staff also conducted on-site monitoring visits of six youth centers. The CSA recently assumed responsibility for these two programs from the former California Youth Authority.

Interstate Compact for Supervision of Adult and Juvenile Offenders (IC): CPP staff began the initial **transfer of IC responsibilities** to the CSA; IC staff will begin moving to the CSA on October 6. In September, CPP staff provided training at the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association conference and CSA's Executive Director represented California at the national IC Conference in Phoenix.

### Standards and Training in Corrections (STC) Division

CCF Portability Study: STC staff **administered job analysis questionnaires** to 12 Community Correctional Facilities throughout the State during July. Staff is now in the process of analyzing the data provided by these facilities to determine the feasibility of transporting the 2004 version of the local Adult Corrections Officer exam to State Community Correctional Personnel.

Agency Annual Reviews: During the months of July through September, STC staff **conducted site visits and performed annual reviews of training records** for the 166 local agencies (including sheriff, probation and police departments) and 13 Community Correctional Facilities that participate in the Standards and Training in Corrections Program.

Regulation Review Process: The STC Division has **completed the revisions of the Title 15 regulations** for Standards and Training made at the request of the Executive Steering Committee chaired by **Amador County Sheriff Mike Prizmich**. These proposed revisions will be presented to CSA at the November 2005 meeting.

Standards Setting for CDCR: The first presentation of the **Job Families Research Model** was given in Sacramento on August 25, 2005 to several State agencies by STC and CSUS research staff. This model is the approach being considered in setting selection and training standards for the Peace Officer classifications within CDCR.

Juvenile Core Revisions: STC staff met with workgroups comprised of representatives from various Probation departments during July 2005 to review **proposed changes in the Juvenile Core Curriculum**. These changes are being drafted by staff and should be completed by next quarter.

Instructor Development Courses: STC staff presented the first of six Instructor Development Courses in **Shasta County**. The purpose of these courses, which will be offered through February 2006 to participating STC agencies, is to assist departments in developing in-house instructors for the delivery of training within their respective agencies.

Other Activities: STC staff assisted the State Department of Mental Health in delivering three Suicide Prevention Courses to city and county correctional staff in Sacramento, Orange and Contra Costa Counties.

### Calendar of Events October – December 2005

October 4: CSA Executive Director and FSO Staff training at California Association of Probation and Institution Administrators (CAPIA) Meeting, Shell Beach  
October 4: CSA training at California Information Technology Managers Meeting, Lake Tahoe  
October 7: FSO training at California Jail Program Administrators (CJPA) Meeting, Santa Rosa  
October 11-13: STC Training Managers Seminar, Bass Lake  
November 3: State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice Meeting (tentative), San Francisco  
November 17: Corrections Standards Authority Meeting, Sacramento